

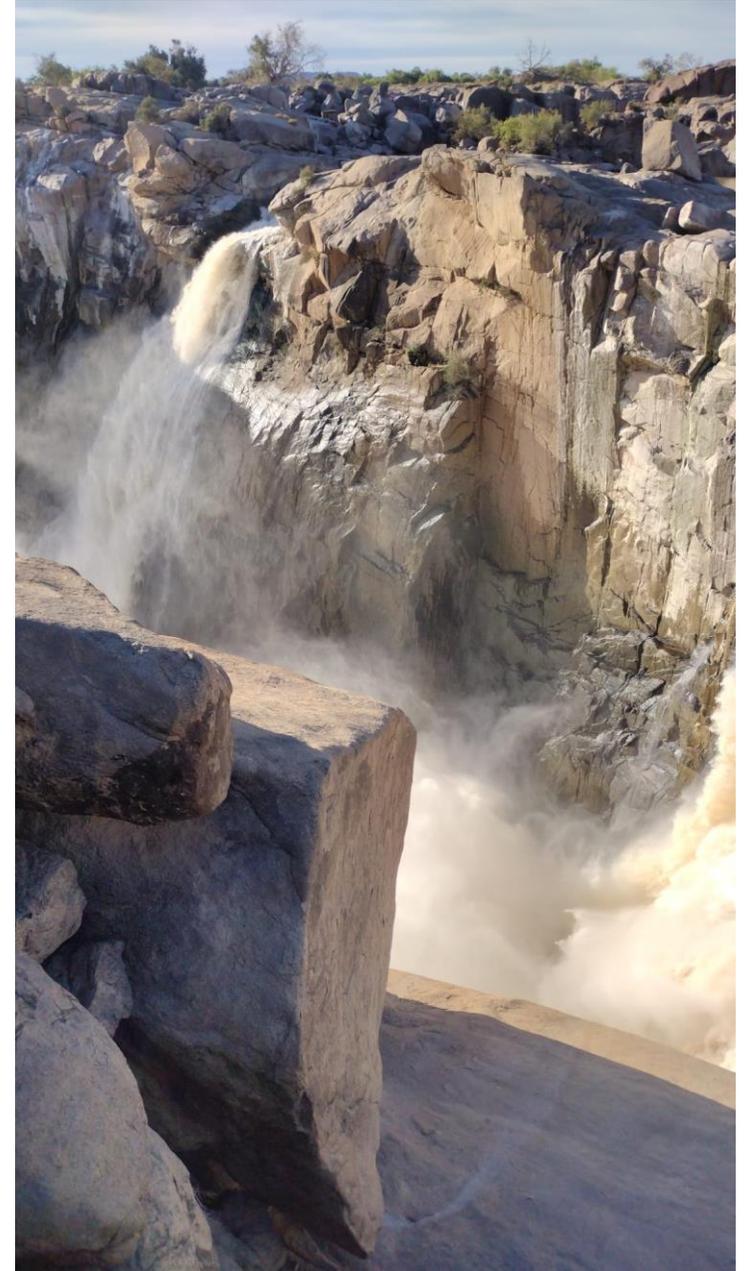
South Africa's biodiversity economy strategy

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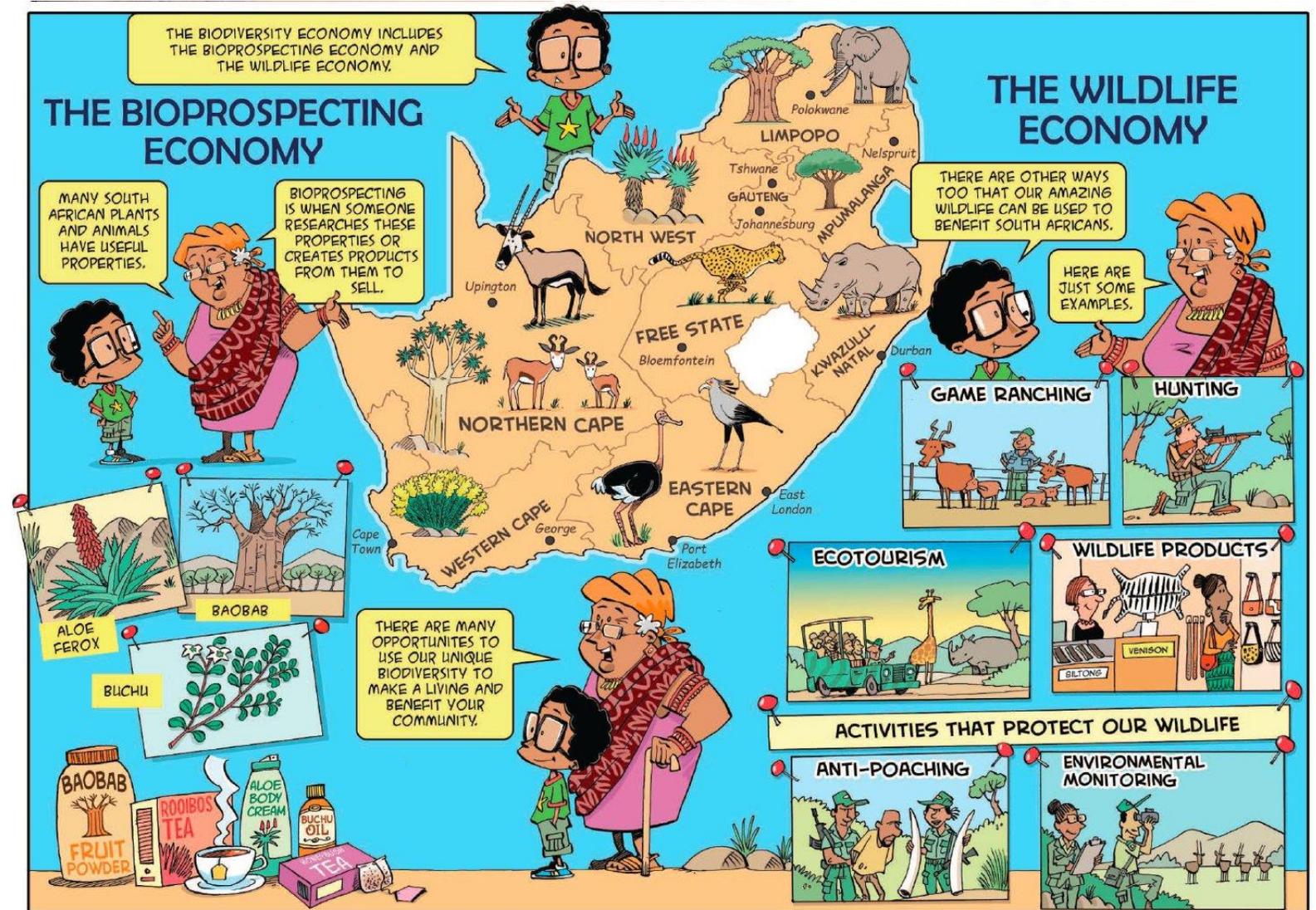


SA's National Biodiversity Economy Strategy

Bioprospecting Economy & Wildlife Economy

Vision – to optimise economic benefits from the sustainable use of South Africa's biodiversity

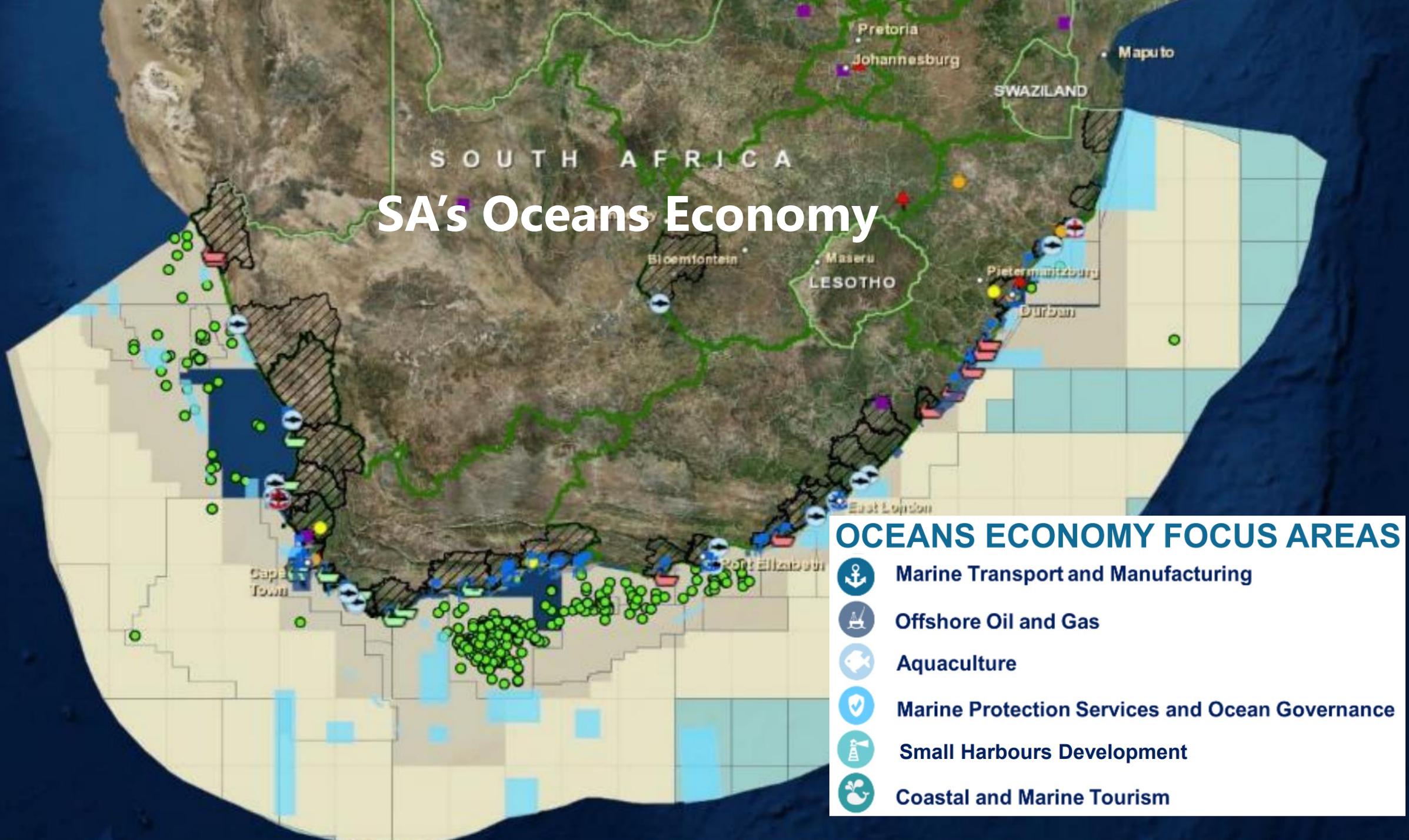
Mission – to enhance and create new and inclusive opportunities for economic growth through biodiversity-based initiatives



SA's Oceans Economy

OCEANS ECONOMY FOCUS AREAS

-  Marine Transport and Manufacturing
-  Offshore Oil and Gas
-  Aquaculture
-  Marine Protection Services and Ocean Governance
-  Small Harbours Development
-  Coastal and Marine Tourism



DDFE Draft White Paper on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of South Africa's Biodiversity

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Vision – A prosperous nation, living in harmony with nature, where **biodiversity is conserved for present and future generations, and secures equitable livelihoods** and improved human well-being

Goals include:

7: Biodiversity economy transformed

Economic principles include:

A **diverse biodiversity sector and associated biodiversity economy activities**, where different business models and biodiversity-based enterprises enhance the resilience of the sector in different landscapes and seascapes in various environmental, social and economic conditions.

Key outcomes include:

(c) inclusive and equitable biodiversity economy and beneficiation of ecosystem services

Transforming the biodiversity economy

While there has been substantial growth of the biodiversity economy, there has been little participation by Previously Disadvantaged Individuals (POIs), and communities...

...they have not adequately benefited from their land.

Communities have been disempowered from ownership and governance structures and decision making over their land, and its potential benefits

Meaningful value-chains have not extended from State protected areas into adjacent communities

Conservation performance and the biodiversity economy must improve in support of

- human well-being and socio-economic development,
- environmental justice with restitution,
- transformation and full participation of communities and previously disadvantaged groups, including access and benefit sharing

GOAL 7: BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY TRANSFORMED

Growth in the wildlife and bioprospecting industries can make a significant impact on the national economy, while contributing to national imperatives such as job creation, rural development, transformation, and conservation of biodiversity.

However

The **biodiversity economy has not reached its full potential** as it remains largely unrecognised, underdeveloped and untransformed

Two objectives under this Goal:

10. 1. 6. 1 **Promote and develop inclusive economic opportunities that are compatible with and which complement the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity**

10.1.6.2 **Create and implement incentives that support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity**

Biodiversity Economy & Protected Areas

Policy Objective

1. 7. Ensure protected areas as effective drivers of inclusive socio-economic development

Expected Output

6. Biodiversity economy strategy promotes access and unlocks ecotourism and hunting benefit streams from protected areas to adjacent communities

Expected Outcome

3. Step-change in biodiversity economy driven by State protected areas

